

## Senate Resolution 323

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lt. Colonel Sol Greear; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, upon retiring from the army in 1994 after 20 years of service, Lt. Colonel Sol  
3 Greear wanted to put his leadership skills to advantage as a public school teacher, but as a  
4 single father, he found the prospect of attending college for two years to obtain his teacher's  
5 certificate an impracticality; and

6 WHEREAS, thanks to a program known as Troops To Teachers, he found a way to  
7 streamline the certification process and even receive compensation for his continuing  
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, Troops to Teachers is a joint federal Department of Education and Department  
10 of Defense program designed to help eligible military personnel begin a new career as  
11 teachers in public schools, and while candidates must meet all the teacher certification  
12 requirements by using a state approved program, counseling and funding is available through  
13 the program; and

14 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Greear says that the biggest thing a Troops To Teacher brings to the  
15 classroom is a different attitude and level of commitment, as well as the continued  
16 opportunity to serve; and

17 WHEREAS, while military leadership training is a definite plus in a classroom setting,  
18 groups of teenagers do not respond to the same motivating factors as soldiers, and teachers  
19 must be flexible in handling students; and

20 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Greear serves as a mentor for other Troops To candidates, and he believes  
21 that the program is a good transition from military life to the classroom; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this dedicated public servant be recognized and  
2 commended for his continuing commitment to his community and this state.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
4 recognize and commend Lt. Colonel Sol Greear for his service to his country and this state.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lt. Colonel Sol Greear.